23. The CEC, other Elections Commissioners should be appointed on the recommendation of a body consisting of the PM, Leader of Opposition in both the Houses and Speaker and Deputy Chairman of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively.

24. Only those persons who have cleared all Government dues should be cleared to contest elections. That the matter is pending before a Court of law should be no excuse in the matter.

25. Suitable amendments should be made in the Constitution to empower the Election Commission to identify and declare various offices under the Government to be within 'Offices of Profit'.

Sanction for Cochin Shipyard Repairing Project

3581. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State of Kerala requesting to accord sanction for the Cochin Shipyard Repairing Project;

(b) whether Government would consider to accord sanction for the project; and

(c) if so, by when Government are likely to accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi has submitted a proposal for expansion of ship-repair facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 98.38 crores.

(b) and (c) The Departmental Expenditure Finance Committee in its meeting held on 14.03.2002 has approved the proposal and action has been initiated to obtain the approval of the competent authority.

Proposal for International Container Transhipment Terminal at Cochin

3582. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of an International Container Transhipment Terminal at Vallarpadam in Cochin is pending for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the sanction has been accorded to the project by Government; and

(d) if not, the stage at which the matter stands at present?